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No. 14,077.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1908.

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Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, May 23, 1908.

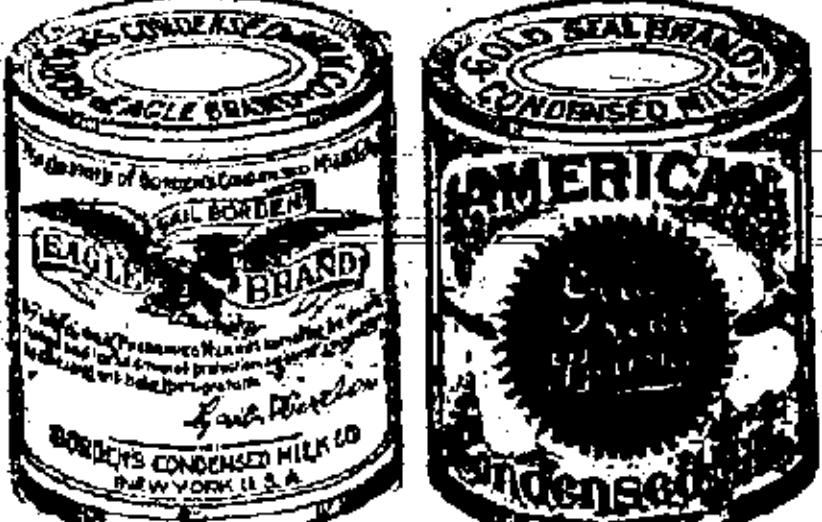
NOTICE.

PUBLIC attention is drawn to the fact
that at the present time many brands
of Condensed Milk are being offered for
sale bearing labels not necessarily
indicating that they are 'BORDEN'S CON-
DENSED MILK' or 'BORDEN'S CON-
DENSED MILK CO. of NEW YORK', as
are calculated to deceive the purchasers of
the real article. As an additional protec-
tion all purchasers of Borden's 'EAGLE'
Brand are requested to note that every tin
of same bears the Signature of GAIL BOR-
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Borden's 'Eagle' Brand Milk has the
enviable reputation of being the Milk par
excellence and without a rival in point of
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Owing to Borden's special and exclusive
process of manufacture both their 'Eagle'
and 'GOAT'S MILK' are specially
recommended for use in tropical climates
and are guaranteed to keep better
than any other Condensed Milk offered
to the public.

Hongkong, May 23, 1908.

For
BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK CO.,
CONNELL BROS. COMPANY,
Sole representatives in Hongkong.



PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE.
OWING to Monday, the 25th May,
having been declared a Public Hol-
iday, the SALE of FURNITURE within
the Residencies of the late Mr. A. H. RENNIE
will commence on TUESDAY, the 26th
May, at 2 P.M. instead of as previously
advertised.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, May 21, 1908.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.
I have this day RESUMED CHARGE
of the above Company's Business.
J. WHEELER,
General Manager.
The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 21, 1908.

M. C. C. TURKISH CIGARETTES.
THE BEST on the MARKET. Sole
AGENTS for SOUTH CHINA and THE
Straits Settlements.
A. KOTIAS & CO.
New Traveller's Hotel.
Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

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Round Trip 4 Days.
Comfortable Steamers—Delightful Climate,
and most interesting and picturesque
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Hongkong, October 26, 1907.

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Leaves Macao at 2 P.M.

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TO MACAO.
Leaving at 9 o'clock. Returning,
leaves Macao at 5 o'clock.

Full particulars
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29, Wing Wo Street,
Hongkong, March 20, 1908.

Intimations.

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HIGH-SPEED AND SHALLOW-DRAFT VESSELS A SPECIALTY.
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NEW SONGS
BY
MISS BERYL LYTTON.

TWO PERFORMANCES NIGHTLY: 7 to 8.30 and 9 to 11.
Hongkong, April 13, 1908.

THE SINCERE CO.
111 CONNAUGHT RD.—215, 217, 219 & 221, DES VŒUX RD., HONGKONG.

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ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BOOTS AND SHOES,
Drapery, Silks, Watches, Clocks, Crockery, Ironmongery,
Grocery, Furniture, Rattan Ware, Tobaccos, Cigars,
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Our Prices are marked in plain figures
Hongkong, September 28, 1907.

MEE CHEUNG & CO.,
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Concave Corner of the Race Course. Splendid Assortment. Complete Set
in Album, for \$12.00. Also Lovers' Slides at 50 Cents each.

STUDIO—106 HOUNS STREET. STORE—BEAUNSFIELD AROADE,
Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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THE LEADING BRAND.

G.H. MUNN & CO.
REIMS

BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO

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THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND

FOR
HONG KONG, CANTON
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Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

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ROMBACH & CO.,

17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1907.

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NOTICE.

THE WING KEE AND COMPANY,
FLAT 4, CENTRAL, HONGKONG, and
Firms opened by the said WING KEE &

in other Ports including the WING
KEE FIRM, COAL MERCHANTS, No. 9,
Hing Loong Street. My late
deceased Father having been
the sole Partner in the above Business have
taken up by the other Partners of the Com-
pany.

KWOK LIN.
No. 20, May 20, 1908.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
I, KWOK CHIT-YUEN was PART-
NER of WING YUE, 朱裕, SHOP
business trading between Hongkong,
Amoy and Foochow in H. year No. 5,
Kwanza Street since October 1905.

Now I, KWOK CHIT-YUEN wanting
to do other business, had sold all my
share of GOODWILL STOCK-IN-TRADE, Furni-
ture and fixtures of and in the said busi-
ness to Mr. HUNG PUL-CHAK.

The interest and responsibility of me,
KWOK CHIT-YUEN in the business of
WING YUE shop ceased on and after the
10th April, 1908.

KWOK CHIT-YUEN.
Hongkong, May 9, 1908.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1908.

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FOR PERMANENT BOARDERS AND TOURISTS.

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APPLY TO THE MANAGER.

HONGKONG, 1908.

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THE MANAGER.

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THE MANAGER.

HONGKONG, 1908.

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Intimations.

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WATCH-MAKERS AND JEWELLERS.
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NEW SELECTIONS OF
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VERY FINE PANORAMIC VIEWS OF HONGKONG.
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TYPEWRITERS
WITH ALL REQUISITES.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1908



Facsimile of label round neck
of bottle.



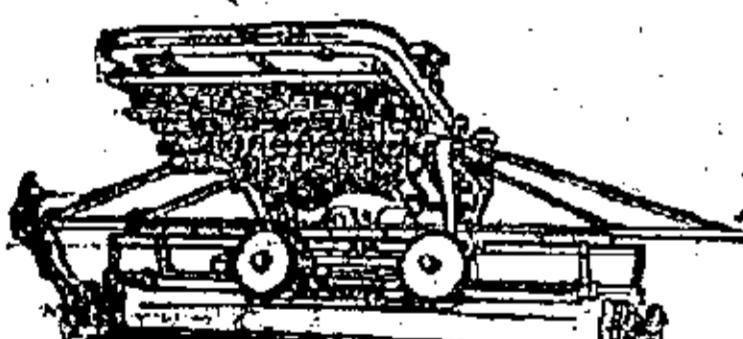
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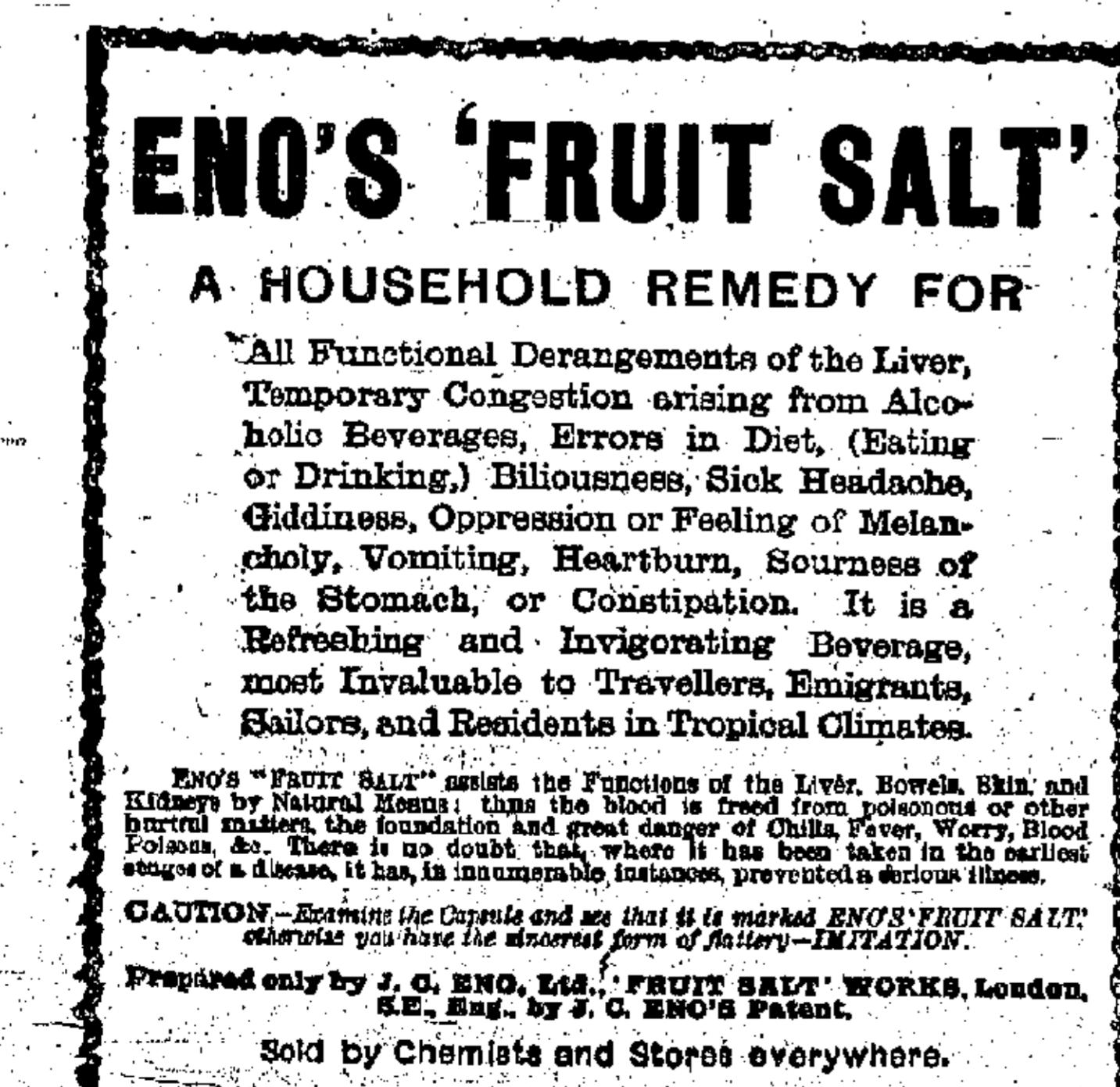


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Ochi, Shimewa, Namazutsu and Hojo Coal-
hicles; and
SOLE AGENTS for Miyao and Kishidake
Coals.

Y. SHIBUYA,
Acting Manager, Pro Tem.
Hongkong.
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, May 15, 1908. 816

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3RD EDITION ENLARGED FROM 425 TO 972
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Only 1 inch Thick, Printed on Indian
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Hongkong, May 16, 1908. 760

THE 'STAR' FERRY CO., LTD.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY (since its Registration) will be held at the Office of the Company in 5, Queen's Road, Central, on WEDNESDAY, May 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 20th April, 1908.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 20th inst., to WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., both days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, May 20, 1908. 769

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWELFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY (since its Registration) will be held at the Office of the Company in Alexander Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th inst., to MONDAY, the 1st June, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 20, 1908. 770

WATKINS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, WATKINS Building, No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 29th May, 1908, 2 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd May, to the 30th May, both days inclusive.

G. A. WATKINS,
CHAN-A-FOOK
General Managers.
Hongkong, May 15, 1908. 741

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS COMPANY.

(THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, etc., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMEY & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1280

PATELL & CO.,
SHAMEEN, CANTON.

Export & Import Merchants
AND
Commission Agents.

IMPORTERS OF
WINES AND
PROVISIONS.

COTTON-SPINNING IN JAPAN.

A Gloomy Outlook.

Says the "Japan Daily Mail":—Tokyo journals write in a very pessimistic strain about the conditions of the cotton-spinning industry in Japan at present. Special attention is drawn to the subject by the fact that the increased capacity for production planned during the boom is becoming practically available just at the moment when the supply of yarns seeking a market is considerably in excess of the demand. Thus the Nishin Spinning Factory at Kameido is virtually completed, the application of motive power being alone required. Its machinery is English; there is provision of 8,000 spindles; the works cover an area of 5,100 teito (41 acres), and it is expected that production will begin from the 1st of June. The No. 3 factory of the Kanegafuchi Company at Mukojima is also approaching completion, and the work of spinning will commence in June or July. This means another addition of 30,000 spindles to the country's producing capacity. On the other hand, the Fuji Company's new works at Oshago in the Hongo Ward of Tokyo are still far from being finished, and no progress seems to be made with the Tokyo Spinning Company's new mill in the Senju district. The shareholders of this last Company show no disposition to respond to the call on the new shares; it has been found necessary to reduce the proposed number of spindles (60,000) by one half, and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, through which the machinery was ordered from England, is said to have been asked to obtain a postponement of the date of shipment. In view of immediate requirements—we quote the "Asahi"—"a sum of 300,000 yen has been borrowed from Mr. Hibiya Hoizayemon to carry on the building, as the Directors recognise that to attempt to force the shareholders to pay up would be unwise. The 'Hochi Shimbun' expatiates upon the subject in terms which certainly do not lack despondency. It says that in spite of having reduced their production by stopping the mills at night, the companies have large stores of unsaleable produce in their ware houses so that their capital is locked up, while, at the same time, they will soon be confronted by the necessity of paying for their supplies of new material. In short, the operations during the present term—which concludes in June—have been most unsuccessful, and it is very doubtful whether the Kanegafuchi and the Fuji Companies, whose last dividends were 22 and 25 per cent, respectively, will be able to declare 10 per cent. next settling day. The case is still worse with the Tokyo Besshi Kaisha, which has made arrangements for adding fifty thousand spindles to its previous plant of thirty-six thousand, and which, by hesitating to dispose of its yarns last year, lost its opportunity of doing so, and has held in a constantly falling market.

An 18-pounder gun, weighing nearly two tons, was being run back to camp by six Royal Field Artillerymen at Ewshot Hampshire, when it got out of control. Gunner Knight, whose parents live at Bromley, was knocked down by it and instantly killed. At the inquest it was stated that the limber pole ran into a bank to a depth of 42 feet.

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Owing to its easy absorption, LEMCO is of great value in fever cases. Doctors recommend it by itself and mixed with milk. LEMCO has proved over and over again to be the only food a patient could retain, and we have letters from numbers who have practically lived on it till strength to digest more solid food returned. It is absolutely pure and safe.

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THE CONCERT EGYPTIAN, BANGKOK, requires in April, TWO LADY Professional Vocalists (English preferred). Engagement one month. Apply, with latest photos and full particulars of previous engagements to Manager.

Hongkong, April 4, 1908. 527

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Hongkong, May 10, 1908. 764

Intimations.

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Why Worry?
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With the above Pharo will send you Free a written Forecast of your Future.

Hongkong, October 31, 1907. 1743

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BRITANNIA POSTCARD CO., 45, UNION STREET, GLASGOW.

Hongkong, October 31, 1907. 1744

Intimations.

THEATRE ROYAL,

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TWO NIGHTS ONLY,

2nd and 3rd JUNE.

MAURICE E. BANDMANN

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On their return to Calcutta.

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Hongkong, May 21, 1908. 774

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For 3 months	15,000,000
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PROPRIETORS	\$15,000,000

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, January 12, 1907.

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4% " 6 " 3% " 12 " J. R. M. SMITH, Manager, Hongkong, May 13, 1908.

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On Fixed Deposits—For 12 Months 4% " 6 " 3% " 12 " J. R. M. SMITH, Manager, Hongkong, April 22, 1908.

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(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER)

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HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, Des Vaux Road.

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D. TOHDOK, Manager, Hongkong, March 25, 1908.

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ESTABLISHED 1880.

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI Manager, Hongkong, March 6, 1908.

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D. TOHDOK, Manager, Hongkong, March 25, 1908.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at the late Mr Rennie's Residence Magazine Gap Road.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per P. Heinrich undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 27.—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The Star Ferry Co., Ltd.

THURSDAY, May 28.—

Goods per Nurmi not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Palermo not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, May 29.—

5 p.m.—Auction of Yacht Mary & Joan at Al King's Slipway.

SATURDAY, May 30.—

Noon—Tenders will be received at the Office of Colonial Secretary.

Noon—Meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

2 p.m.—Meeting of Watkins, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

9 p.m.—Concert in City Hall.

Goods per Belmont undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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MONDAY, June 1.—

5.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silk Embroideries &c., at No. 29, Queen's Road Central, under Hongkong Hotel.

Goods per Tonkin undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, June 2.—

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1908.

HOME POLITICS.

EVIDENTLY the Liberal Government has realised the imminent danger of disastrous defeat when they go before the electors. There could be no more striking illustration of the magnitude of the few that has seized upon the Ministry than is given in our special cable, published on Saturday, dealing with Mr. Asquith and the Suffragettes. Time was, and not so very long ago, when Mr. Asquith would have scornfully refused to receive a deputation of women agitators. That haughty attitude is shown no more. The Prime Minister of Great Britain subsequently receives persons whose existence he previously ignored—that is to say as far as their noisy and tumultuous, methods permitted anyone to ignore them. Not only does he grant the interview but he seeks to placate them with honeyed words and alluring promises. The Government will not oppose any attempt to incorporate amendments providing for votes for women in its Electoral Reform Bill, he declares. A man of Mr. Asquith's

character must have felt the humiliation of this capitulation deeply. In effect, he said: "I am convinced that to give votes to women is inherently wrong and would be disastrous to the country. My conscience tells me to oppose the proposal as strenuously as in me lies. The Government as a whole is animated by similar sentiments. But the Government has seen that it has lost its hold upon the electors, and that dismissal from office looms up ahead. Consequently the Government is prepared to jettison its principles in the hope that gratitude for giving you what you ask will induce you to save us from our impending fate." That would be a truthful explanation but political statements and truth, as everyone knows, have long been divorced. That apart it is evident that Mr. Asquith and his colleagues are terribly alarmed. They have signally failed in domestic and Colonial policy, and in Foreign policy what successes they have gained have been largely due to the personal efforts of His Majesty the King and to Sir Edward Grey loyally carrying out the policy of his Unionist predecessors. The recent re-arrangement of portfolios was in itself an admission of failure. If the Cabinet Ministers had been qualified for the positions they held when Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was Prime Minister it would not have been necessary to make an extensive rearrangement merely because the late Prime Minister was replaced by Mr. Asquith. Another sign of weakness is the appointment of a second ex-Unionist to the position of Under Secretary for the Colonies. The natural presumption is that the Liberal party, notwithstanding its immense majority, is so deficient in men of ability that it has to utilise the services of men who seceded from their own party. Altogether the Liberal party is in a bad way. Its sins have already found it out and its punishment is inevitable. The floundering efforts of Mr. Asquith and his colleagues to avert their doom excite pity. It is a regrettable thing to see any great party eating the husks of humiliation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Some desperadoes in King Cheng, a

place about 12 li from Chientao have been

killing the natives of the district to

ploting, and they went so far as to burn

down some of the Japanese official buildings

and attempt the lives of some Japanese

residents.

To-day is being celebrated as Empire

Day. Shipping in the harbour is in full

day dress, and business on shore, so far as

the Europeans are concerned, has been

suspended. A bright day affords ample

opportunity for pleasurable picnics.

Yesterday afternoon the Belle View

Hotel was patronised by many people.

The hand of the Rajputs played there, and

those who sipped refreshments and music

in the shade of the trees apparently enjoyed

themselves, especially as a refreshing

breeze came from the sea.

Yesterday evening a delightful dinner

was given at the Kowloon Hotel, and many

guests thoroughly appreciated the array of

good things and the music of the Light

Infantry Band. After dinner the majority

of the guests repaired to the lawn, where

STIRLING BURGHS BYE ELECTION.

A LIBERAL SUCCESS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters via Bowbry.)

LONDON, May 23.

A bye election has been held at Stirling Burghs to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Mr Ponsonby, the Liberal candidate, was successful, securing 3873 votes while his opponent, Mr Whitelaw, a Unionist, only secured 2512.

At the general election the late Prime Minister was returned unopposed.

SMUGGLERS AND CUSTOMS.

MANY KILLED.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

YANCHOW, May 24.

A large number of smugglers, who were endeavouring to run a large shipment of salt through here yesterday, met with the Customs officers.

A conflict ensued in which Chinese soldiers took part.

Many soldiers are reported to have been killed by the smugglers.

REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIAN DUTIES ON TEA.

LONDON, May 22.

The Russian Cabinet has decided to repeal the increased duties on India and Ceylon teas from the 1st September.

LORD MILNER ON SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, May 22.

Lord Milner, at the South African Association dinner, said that South Africa was now governed by Commandos placed in power by Great Britain and was reverting to previous conditions. He trusted that the dominant party would not settle the question of federation over the heads of the minority.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, May 22.

The Senate has agreed to a subsidy for carrying mails to Japan, China, Australasia and the Philippines. The return currency (legislation) appears to be definitely shelved.

KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO THE TSAR.

LONDON, May 22.

The newspapers of all shades in Russia welcome most cordially the visit of King Edward, as setting a seal to the friendship of the two countries. They all consider it of great political importance, following the impending visit of President Fallières to London.

REVIEW.

THE LAMB SHAKESPEARE FOR THE YOUNG. Illustrated. Chatto and Windus, London.

Of this excellent illustrated series we have received three of the well-known plays, "Is You Like It?" "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "The Tempest," and from them we are able to gather that the publishers are placing within the reach of the young an understandable and really excellent means of grasping the great Elizabethan plays. Professor T. C. Collyer, the general editor, is to be congratulated. Each adaptation is based on the lines of Lamb's Tales, and contain passages and scenes inserted from the original plays, as well as songs set to music. All are splendidly illustrated, and any one of the series should be valuable to any child and interesting and entertaining to any adult. The artists are Miss Helen Stratton and Miss L. E. Wright, and both have chosen happy subjects for illustration. Of the music the "Midsummer Night's Dream" contains "I Know a Banker," "You Spotted Snakes," "The Tempest," has come into these "Yellow Songs," "Full Fathom Five," and "Where the Bee Sucks." "Au You Like it" has "Under the Greenwood Tree," "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind," and "It was a Lover and a Lass." All the songs are arranged for home and school singing, and so should commend themselves to a wide circle.

In buying books for the young this series should be seriously considered by parents and those desirous of making gifts to the rising generation. Those scenes and passages of the various plays which the great poet, with which the young should be familiar, are skilfully introduced into the prose, and the prose is so well and carefully written that it is readily understood, and each work constitutes a story which will be of interest to and give the young a ground-work which will later allow them to approach the original plays with a mind sharpened by knowledge and appreciation. The volumes are being issued in three styles, in cloth, gilt; limp leather, and in a special limp leather binding for school. All are well-bound, and the latter is especially capable of standing rough handling.

BABY and grandfathers can take Stearn's. Wine of God Liver Oil, because it is delicious and is made for people with weak stomachs. Makes new blood and builds up the system.

THE V. R. C.

NEW BUILDING OPENED.

May 25, 1908, will long be remembered by the present members of the Victoria Recreation Club—the oldest sporting organization in the Colony—for to-day His Excellency Sir Frederick D. Lugard, representative of His Majesty the King in Hongkong, formally declared the new premises opened for the use of members. The ceremony was a simple one but none-the-less, it marked a very important epoch in the history of the Club, for since 1861 the question of a suitable club-house has been a burning topic with successive committees. But at last the desire of the members has been realized and to-day the V. R. C. is the possessor of a handsome building—one of which it might well be proud. "The best of its kind in the Far East," was the consensus of opinion of those who have inspected the building and there can be no doubt that if the Club-house is not the best of its kind from Singapore to Vladivostock, then it is a worthy rival of any other.

The Opening.

The opening ceremony took place this morning in the presence of a large number of members and friends. The Club-house was duly decorated with flags and streamers and presented a gay appearance. His Excellency arrived shortly before 10 o'clock, accompanied by Captain Mitchell-Taylor, and promptly on the stroke of the hour Mr Rodger formally welcomed His Excellency, saying:—Your Excellency, I have the honour and pleasure to welcome you to-day, the occasion being the formal opening of the new club premises of the old Victoria Recreation Club—club that has done useful work in the way of training young men in athletic sports on land and water for over half a century. The committee and members are very proud of their new club house and have asked me to thank you, Sir, for coming here to-day. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you here on many other occasions. I think it unnecessary for me to say any more at present. May I ask Your Excellency to be good enough to turn the key in the lock and formally declare the Club open.

His Excellency said:—Mr Rodger, gentlemen, I think you have chosen a most auspicious day for the opening of the new premises. May 24, commonly called Empire Day, is as you know in this Colony by Ordinance called Queen Victoria Day, in memory of our late beloved sovereign the Queen, whose birthday it was and it is particularly fitting that you should have chosen this day, as the name of the club is the Victoria Recreation Club. It is, as Mr Rodger has told us, fifty years old—the oldest club in the Colony. You have suffered great losses in the typhoon, and you made a wonderful effort to recover and to raise your boating house and by building these charming premises here, which I think, both as a water pavilion, and as a Club house and gymnasium, combine every facility which a club of this sort can give to its members. I hope that these premises will long continue to serve the purpose for which it was created and I wish the most heartfelt success to all the members in inter-club and inter-club competitions in the Colony. I hope the honour you have done me in asking me to open the building to day may bring you some extra luck in the competitions of the coming year. I have great pleasure (and His Excellency stopped down and turned the key in the lock) in declaring the Club house open.

Under the guidance of Mr Rodger, His Excellency inspected the building, after which those present assembled in the large gymnasium.

His Excellency proposed "Success to the Victoria Recreation Club," a toast which was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr Rodger proposed the health of His Excellency, the drinking of which was followed by three cheers.

His Excellency—I do not think you should give three cheers for me without giving three for the toast I proposed. Three cheers for the Victoria Recreation Club.

These were royally given, and the proceedings terminated after Mr Rodger had presented His Excellency with the silver key used to open the Club door.

The new building is one of brick, on stone foundations, and is of artistic design, being of a brick red colour. It is situated at the western end of the Naval Yard Extension and is bounded on two sides—north and west—by the harbour, on the east by the Naval Yard and the south fronts Murray Road, the main entrance being the southern one. The building is a compact one and every available inch has been utilized. There are spacious dressing room, gymnasium, boat house, bar and reading room, two large verandas, as well as the necessary lavatories, etc. The gymnasium is a special feature of the Club house, and judging from the keenness with which at present being displayed by members this section of the Club—which has for so long been more or less defunct—will soon become one of the principal departments. The southern portion of the building is given over entirely to the gymnasium and a large well-ventilated room is the result. The equipment is right up-to-date and includes the following:—parallel bars, vaulting horse, ten or twelve rings, suspended from the steel girders, various sized Indian-clubs and dumb-bells, heavy weights, single sticks, foil with complete accessories, ladder, boxing gloves, mattresses, etc. Round the walls of this room are the record boards giving the results of athletic sports meet-

ings from 1896 onwards, and the results of the gymnasium contests held in 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894, and 1895. In the years just referred to the gymnasium was an important branch of the Club but it dwindled into comparative insignificance afterwards. Under the present instruction of Messrs W. Logan and J. A. S. Alve of the present pupils should become proficient in gymnastics and there is nothing now to prevent a revival of the "gym." In order to allow for work being done in the gymnasium in the evenings two large arc lights have been installed and these throw a splendid radiance round the room. The two galleries which extend along the western and eastern walls form excellent points of vantage and are even now avoided by spectators when the classes are at practice.

The northern portion of the Club is two storied and the ground floor is devoted mainly to the boat house in which the rowing craft are stored. This room calls for little comment. It has a cemented floor and there is ample room for the boats at present owned by the Club. The members' lavatory takes up a small corner of the room and here the appointments are of the best.

A stairway built of teak—indeed, almost all the woodwork in the building, including the floors, is of teak—ascends between the gymnasium and the boat house and leads to the dressing, reading and bar rooms, the steward's office and the spacious verandas. The dressing room provides accommodation for a large number, there being 108 lockers at present installed and 54 more to be made. The usual seats intersect the room and on the eastern side there are half dozen marble-topped wash tables, above each being a handy-sized mirror with brush, comb, etc. More record boards are hung round the walls, but these refer solely to rowing and date back to 1873. It is interesting to ponder a while before some of the boards, for thereon are the names of men who are well-known throughout the East. To mention a few who competed in the eighties and are therefore still well-known, some indeed still reside here, we noticed the names of Messrs G. C. Master, A. Denison, J. H. S. Lockhart, G. A. Caldwell, E. B. Shepard, G. Grinble, F. Grinble, F. Goetz, G. E. Lammet, G. L. Duncan, F. C. Welford, F. W. White, W. Stapani, E. Osborne, and G. H. Potts. There are many others whose names might be mentioned, but space forbids.

The Club room, which includes the reading room and the bar, is also a well-ventilated room, being open on three sides to the Colony—whence we can see the typhoon of 1872 and 1874 did great damage. As a matter of fact, it is mentioned that the bill for the repairs consequent upon the 1874 typhoon amounted to over \$5000. The damage done by the 1896 typhoon exceeded all others, for on this occasion the Club lost over \$10,000. In 1882 the gymnasium class in connection with the Club seems to have first started and for quite a long time this section of the Club seems to have had a successful continuance of this branch of the Club. The first athletic sports held in connection with the Club were promoted in 1886 and were continued annually until 1900, when there was a break for three years but since 1904 the sports have been held annually.

In the season 1900-1 the Club were forced to move to Kowloon as the Admiralty required the ground they were using on this side of the harbour. The reason for this is that the Admiralty's workmen were about to build and every inch of available land was required for the furtherance of this project. When the Club removed to Kowloon a promise was given by the Government to provide a suitable site at the conclusion of the dock works and this promise has since been fulfilled, though there was considerable delay in the fulfilment of it. But in May, 1907, the present site was handed over to the Club. The troubles of the Club, however, are not at an end, for the question of providing a suitable bath for members is still to be faced. The Club room are the oldest record boards in the possession of the Club and from them can be gleaned the details of the first regatta held in the Colony, to wit, in the year 1848, 60 years ago. A room is now set apart for Club fixtures, which is to be used for the annual regatta, being held in the Club room.

The building, as already mentioned, is of re-entrant design, being built after the renaissance style. The frontage on Murray Road is flanked by two porches, between which is a balcony, on which a number of ferns are placed, while the space land in front will later be devoted to the needs of the Club, probably an enclosed bath will be sunk there.

A few dimensions may not have come in. The gymnasium is 35 feet long by 20 feet in width, and the largest steel girder is 29 feet 6 inches above the floor. The boat house is 57 feet 2 inches in length, 42 feet in width and 12 feet 6 inches in height. The dressing room and the Club room are identical in size, both being 32 feet by 28 feet 3 inches, and 15 feet to the lowest girder. All the rooms in the Club are higher than at the time of the original building, due to the addition of verandas. The dressing room is at least 22 feet high from floor to apex of roof. The verandas are very unsatisfactory and at the end of the present year even these will be taken away from the Club, unless an extension of time is granted and this is not considered very likely. An "inside bath" would cost a good deal of money but even were it provided it would not be large enough for water polo, owing to the restricted space at the Club's disposal. A scheme was before the Committee some little time ago in which it was proposed to combine the gymnasium and swimming bath into one, but apparently that was found impracticable, for it was dropped. As matters stand now the Club is at the mercy of the Government as far as a bath is concerned.

The Club has even since its inception been the largest organisation of its kind in the Colony, and for years it promoted the annual Victoria Regatta. Of late years, however, other elements have crept in and combined regattas are now held. The swimming sports held by the Victoria Recreation Club are the most important held in the Colony and at those meetings the champion events are contested. The only other in Hongkong swimming race held apart from those meeting is the "Harbour Race" for which the CHINA MAIL donate the prizes. The Athletic Sports are held at the Valley annually and here, too, the programme includes several championship events. The water polo competition, though run nominally by a Water Polo Association is really held by the V. R. C. and the representatives of the Club have always won the Shield, though of recent years the struggle has grown harder and harder. Sir Frederick Lugard is president of the Club and is the chairman of the committee.—Messrs A. Rodger (Chairman), W. Logan, E. M. Hasland, M. McIver, H. A. Lamont, R. W. Pearson, J. W. Bains, T. C. Gray, T. Meek, J. Rodger, R. Henderson (Treasurer) and F. Lammet (Honorary Secretary). Of the above-named Messrs T. C. Gray and R. W. Pearson have left the Colony and Mr A. W. Orke was invited to fill one of the vacancies and accepted.

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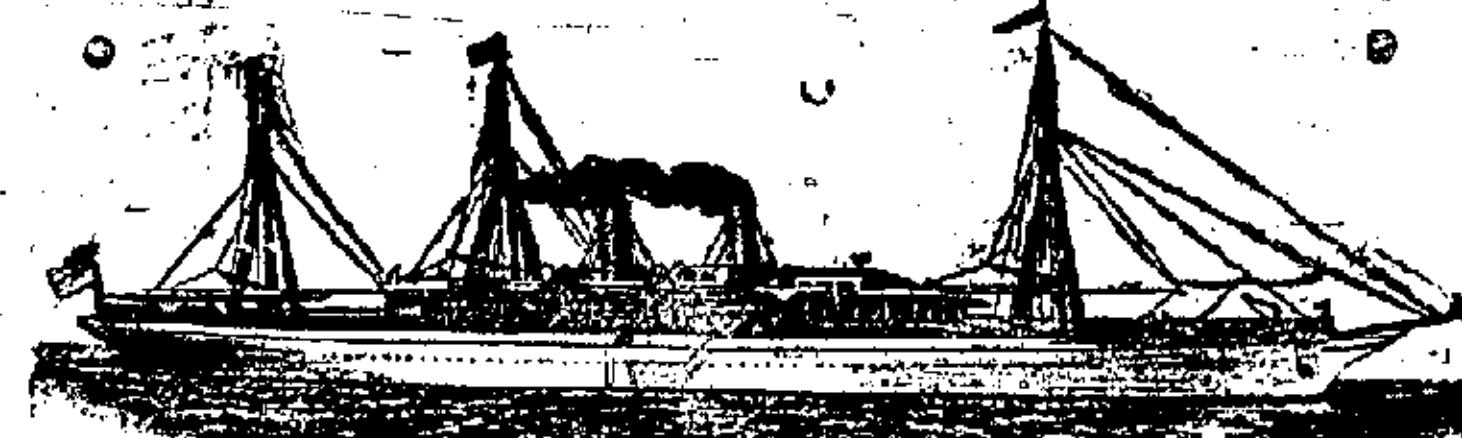
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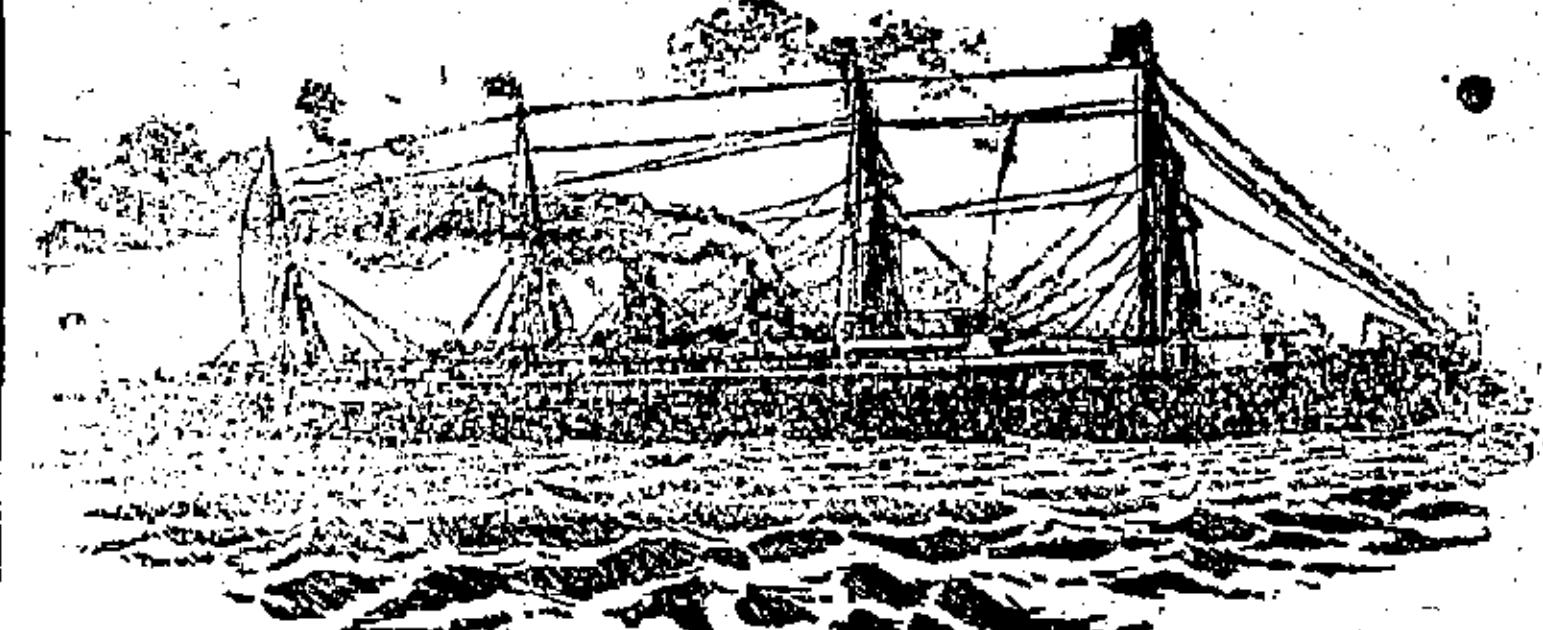
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AMERICA MARU	FRIDAY, 26th June, at Noon.
SIBERIA	SATURDAY, 4th July, at Noon.
CHINA	SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	SATURDAY, 18th July, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	FRIDAY, 24th July, at Noon.
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According to a telegram from London, dated April 26, a roll-call the night previous, showed that thirty of the Gladiator's crew were missing.

The St. Paul has returned to Southampton, continues the message. The damage to her is remarkably slight. The Gladiator was lying at the time the collision occurred; the St. Paul was steaming slowly and dashed into the cruiser amidships, making a hole in the Gladiator, which steamed towards the shore and heeled over. Many of the crew leapt into the water and were picked up by coast guards. Most of the men clambered on the upturned side of the vessel. Perfect discipline prevailed. The boats were launched with difficulty. The commander was the last to leave.

A magnificent display of discipline was witnessed, the crew in obedience to the officers ranking up on the upper side of the sinking vessel while the starboard side was settling down, remaining in batches to the last boat which were launched by the coast-guards. The lowering of the Gladiator's head was most difficult owing to the vessel's keeling. When the position became desperate many leapt into the sea, but were picked up. Luckily the collision occurred in a shoal water inshore, otherwise the disaster would have been frightful in view of the storm.

Several of the men injured in the collision were in the Gladiator's wheelhouse. One of them gained the deck unaided though both his legs were fractured in two places. Two others were rescued with the greatest difficulty owing to the vessel heeling over. Two corporals from Fort Victoria came out 150 yards and aided those who were exhausted in trying to swim ashore, one resting eleven.

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

BY kind permission of Major Evans and Officers 13th Rajputs, the band of the regiment will play Selections during Dinner on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., at ORBITAL HOTEL, 2, Queen's Road Central.

C. FRERIOHS,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 25, 1908.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship TONKIN, Captain CHAMBONNET, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 26th inst., at 8 p.m.

P. NALIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 25, 1908.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

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THE Company's Steamship China having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that goods will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWNS CO., LTD., whence delivery may be obtained.

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Hongkong, May 25, 1908.

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Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the consignees before NOON, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, and goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 1st June, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent to me on or before the 1st June, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 1st June, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 25, 1908.

Hongkong Tides.

The tide table given below has been compiled at the Naval Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the year 1907.

The rest of the table corresponds with the series of the soundings in the Admiralty Charts which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

May 26th to June 1st, 1908.

TIDE TABLE.

LOW WATER.

HIGH WATER.

TIDE.

TIME.

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